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COMMUNITY WORK

Strong Words of Commendation From Dr. John R. Mott.

The Community Work program and emphasis of the Young Men's Christian Association is most timely and promising. We have come out into a new world and into a new day. The experiences of the war period have accustomed the American people to think, plan and act in large dimensions. Programs for altruistic organizations like ours which were acceptable before the war will no longer satisfy the American people. Remembering as they do that we were called upon suddenly to minister to a vast army and navy, numbering to the aggregate between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 men, and that the association movement and its countless friends accepted and met the challenge on a most comprehensive scale and in a wonderful spirit, it is not surprising that they now expect our organization to widen its plans and to extend its helpful ministry to the young manhood and boyhood of entire communities. We must not disappoint these worthy expectations.

We often say that it took the children of Israel forty years to make a forty-days' journey, and this because of their unbelief or their lack of faith. Now that virtually every community in our land, in cities large and small and in rural districts, is wide open to the practical, friendly work of the association as the servant of the church, and now that conditions are so unusually plastic, let us exhibit the sure grasp of faith and exercise the tireless energy to make our work community-wide on every hand. The added dangers that have come with the ending of the war likewise summon us to quicken our pace while ever exercising studious vigilance to maintain the highest standards and an undying loyalty to our most vital principles. Let us remember also the tremendous latent energies in the lives of men and boys, as disclosed and released in the world struggle, and seek to afford an adequate outlet and objective for all these powers.

WAR WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Operated in 3,356 points, at home and abroad.
Operated 586 buildings for hotels and entertainment places.
Operated 788 tents and army buildings.

Furnished free 90,000 moving picture entertainments, 4,535 costumes for amateur performances, 13,734 song books and texts for plays, 2,636 musical instruments, 1,000,000 copies of a 96-page song book for mass-singing, 400,000,000 sheets of writing paper, 2,000,000 magazines, 4,000,000 pieces of religious literature, 2,250,000 pieces of athletic equipment.

Organized recreation programs in 25 leave areas, including daily excursions and sight-seeing trips.
Organized an educational system, with 600 American professors and teachers, which grew to such proportions that the United States government has taken it over with the backing of a \$3,000,000 appropriation.

Handled without commission 323,432 soldiers' remittances home, amounting to \$15,542,396.

Ran at a loss a huge canteen business under government regulations as to prices, hours of service, assignment to military divisions, officers' clubs, etc.

Handled 2,000,000,000 cigarettes, 32,000,000 bars of chocolate, 60,000,000 cans of jam, 29,000,000 packages of gum, and 10,000,000 packages of candy.
Ran 20 biscuit, 13 chocolate, 3 candy and 8 jam factories.

Gave away hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of supplies at the front and under emergencies.

Served 3,906,600 soldiers on 6,662 troop trains, and 1,381 transport secretaries gave over \$630,574 of supplies to soldiers and sailors on 971 sailings.

Lost 14 secretaries who were killed in the battle zone, 71 from accident and disease, 105 wounded and gassed, 22 otherwise injured and 2 prisoners.

Already 172 secretaries have been decorated for heroism and service under fire.

BEFORE YOU JUDGE, REMEMBER. It was the commanding officer of the division who determined what hours the canteen should be open and whether or not it should sell to men outside his own division. Military authorities regulated transportation and determined in what sector the "Y" could go into the front areas. Military authorities could and did commandeer the "Y" auto trucks often when needed most. General Pershing says the "Y" did better than could have been expected of it under the circumstances.

WE SEEK NO PRAISE, BUT APPRECIATE FAIR PLAY.

A BOY SAVED, IS A MAN MADE.

Perhaps the strongest feature of the Y. M. C. A. program is its effort to put boys on the right track and to keep them going in the strong, vigorous manhood. No other organization is doing for the boys of America just what is being done by the Y. M. C. A. Anyone interested in the boys of the country should liberally support the Young Men's Christian Association in its efforts for them.

Good Work Done by Those Who Dislike It, and Want to Get Through and Rest.

The best work is done by the lazy people who want to get through and rest.

The industrious, active body, busy as a bee, and always at it, is very liable to become a pouter.

Mark Twain called attention to the fact that the ant, to whom the sage recommended the sluggard to go, spends most of his energy in running around like a drunken Indian.

The great humorist hated to move; he used to give the boy in the printing office a nickel to sweep around him, so that he would not have to take his feet off the table. At seventy he confessed that "all exercise is lousesome."

Laziness is not good in itself; but when joined to conscientiousness and a sense of responsibility, as it often is, it is the very best worker.

The world's work is done by those who do not like it. Nine persons out of ten would quit what they are doing if they could.

At the very beginning of Arnold Bennett's novel, "Hilda Lessways," is a luminous bit of philosophy:

"Hilda hated domestic work, and because she hated it she often did it passionately and thoroughly."

Mark Twain hated to write.—Dr. Frank Crane, in Farm Life.

MUST CONCENTRATE TO WIN

Though Thorough Absorption May Be Carried Too Far, It Is Necessary to Succeed.

There is always danger, when one concentrates, that the concentration will be carried too far—so far that it produces a narrow, one-sided and warped point of view. The great scientist, the great scholar, the great thinker in any line is usually not an all-around "good fellow." "Crabbed," "queer," "peculiar," "odd," "funny" and "warped"—are these not the adjectives that generally describe the geniuses of the world? The very effort to concentrate on the one subject which has brought success has made it impossible to keep in touch with the thousand-and-one currents of thought and topics of conversation which go to make up comfortable and easy-going life. Like the old sea captain, these geniuses miss something in their effort to fix their attention on one thing.

In spite of this danger, it is a good thing to work for concentration. The likelihood of becoming one-sided is big where genius is concerned, but then it can be excused. Most of us can safely concentrate our attention and still feel sure that we will keep in touch with the world about us.

Need for Eternal Vigilance.

"We first make our habits and then our habits make us," said an unknown sage. In other words, what we are at this moment, what we can do at this moment, depends not only upon making up our minds at the time being, but also upon how we have made up our minds countless other times in thousands of minutes already gone by and now out of our control. The one thing we cannot control is the past; it may, however, control us for good or for evil. The fact that we should remember in forming habits is that our minds and hearts are the meeting ground of strange conflicts; that good and bad in us are making opposite suggestions; that each is striving for the mastery; and that sometimes we are so self-deluded that the bad may seem to be the good. At any hour the beginnings of a vicious habit, perhaps through the suggestion of someone else or by our own carelessness, indifference, or faults, may find their way into our hearts. The price we must pay for continually proving and possessing the good is eternal vigilance.—Exchange.

Discouraged Aids to Beauty.

In the day of Louis XIV LaBruyere wrote this: "If women only desire to be beautiful in each other's eyes they may, of course, follow their own caprice or taste as to the way in which they dress and adorn themselves; but if they desire to please men, if it is to charm them they rouge and paint. I can assert in the name of mankind, or at least of those men whose votes I have taken, that white and red paints make women look old and hideous; that it is as disgusting to see women with paint on their faces as with false teeth in their mouths and waxen balls to puff out their thin cheeks; and that far from countenancing it, men solemnly protest against all such arts, which infallibly tend to cure them of love."

The wonder arises if LaBruyere spoke only for the men of his time.

The Crow's Voice.

The crow is one of the most widely disliked of birds. His reputation is bad, and is probably deserved.

No matter how long you study the crow, you will always have something to learn, and at the end of all your study he will know more about you than you will about him. At times it seems as if he knew what you were thinking about.

The crow has a large variety of notes or calls, and each one seems to be the harshest in all bird vocalism until the next one is sounded, which is a little harsher. He is an accomplished bird, and intelligent. If tamed, he can be taught many things, but never to be good. He is a natural thief, and cannot be reformed.

SOUTHERN MONEY FOR SOUTHERN MEN

Great Drive of the Y. M. C. A. For an All-Southern Program.

Beginning on October 20, and continuing for ten days, there will be pressed in all the southern states, a simultaneous campaign to raise the funds necessary for the work of the Y. M. C. A. throughout the southern states.

This work has been enlarged and extended by reason of changed conditions that are brought about as a result of the war. The Y. M. C. A. has determined to do everything that it possibly can to reach the men and to throw around them wholesome and stimulating influence. This necessitates a considerable increase in the working force of the state committee; that, of course, means more money must be had, and a more vigorous campaign must be prosecuted to secure the needed funds.

For several weeks there has been sent out from Nashville much literature explaining the work of the Association, defending it against the criticism that has been made concerning its war activities and showing the necessity for an increased budget for work at home. This literature has been sent to the leaders of Christian effort in all the various communities of the state and now after they have had time to read and consider the appeal that has been made, they are asked to put some of their dollars into an investment for men.

The work contemplated includes the regular work of the Association through its buildings and also an extension to the rural communities through its organized county work. It also endeavors to reach the working men in the factories and mines and railroad centers. It is also putting on a complete "boys' work" program looking to the high schools and colleges of the state.

The boys' work is one of the strong features of the program of the "Y" and through the competent leadership of experts, everything is being done that is possible to help the boy in the critical time of his life decision. One of the great features of the boys' work is the establishment of three boys' camps where the boys of the state can be brought together for vacation under wholesome and inspiring influence. A camp will be located in each one of the three sections of the state and each camp will be equipped with proper athletic and other supplies.

Tennessee has never failed on any of its campaigns for the Y. M. C. A. yet. Of course it is not to be thought of that this campaign shall end in anything except a complete success. It is an opportunity for the people of Tennessee to show their appreciation of their manhood and they will use the opportunity to the fullest extent.

The counties are being organized and special committees will call upon the citizenship for their contribution, and the response is sure to be liberal.

WORK FOR BOYS

What the Y. M. C. A. Is Planning For the Boys of the South.

New York.—It is recognized in the office of the International Committee, Y. M. C. A., that the success of the south-wide campaign of the Y. M. C. A. which will be on in thirteen states and the District of Columbia from October 20th to 30th, will mean much for the boy life of these southern states.

It is estimated that there are approximately ten million boys in this country between the ages of twelve and twenty. These boys are acquiring ideals and forming habits which will dominate them in maturer years. Not quite half of these boys are at work and a little more than half of them are at school. Both classes the International Committee claims need guidance and practically all of them need to know how to creditably use their leisure time.

American boys are challenged to reach a complete manhood based on Christian ideal, according to the program of the Y. M. C. A. This program recognizes the boys' special needs and interests. The Y. M. C. A. acts as his friend. It is a matter of record that in many places the Y. M. C. A. secretary, working without building equipment, by sheer personality and methods, becomes the center of interest for the boy life of the community.

The complete success of the south-wide campaign means the more effective operation of the Boys' Work Department of the International Committee, in its assistance to the local fields.

Much time is being devoted to the far-reaching question of meeting the physical needs of boys through organized recreation and directed physical training. The Y. M. C. A. is also co-operating with the United States Government in the United States Boys' Working Reserve and the United States Public Health Service. It stimulates organization among employed boys and has been so successful in this particular phase of its work that there is a real growing demand for it. The same thing may be said of its organization work among high school boys.



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SIMPLY COULD NOT FORGET

Macaulay's Memory Could Only Be Described as Marvellous—John Bright a Close Second.

Talking of quickness in repartee a story of Sydney Smith was cited I had not yet heard. "Do tell me, Mr. Smith," exclaimed a rather gushing young lady, "what is dogmatism?" "My dear young lady," he replied, "dogmatism is only puppyism grown older."

I remember at breakfast one day at my father's, Lord Macaulay began to repeat some trashy old historical ballads, and so went on verse after verse until my father exclaimed, "Why, Macaulay, how can you have committed all that rubbish to memory? What utter waste of time!" "Committed to memory!" cried Macaulay. "I only wish I could forget it. I simply glanced over those verses when standing at a bookstall one day." If I remember rightly, he said at the same time that if the first four books of Milton's "Paradise Lost" were destroyed, he could reproduce them word for word.

Mr. Bright and Mr. Longfellow met each other for the first time at our breakfast table and were mightily delighted with each other. Again the conversation turned upon memory, and John Bright asked Mr. Longfellow whether he could identify and claim every line of poetry he had ever written. Mr. Longfellow thought he could not. Then he in turn put the question—would Mr. Bright be able to identify every one of the speeches he had made? "Yes," said Mr. Bright, "not every passage, perhaps, taken by itself, but given a certain amount of the context I undoubtedly could."—From "The Notebook of a Splinter Lady."

LITTLE CHANGED BY TIME

Dwellers in Mountains of Tyrol Live in Much the Same Way as Did Their Ancestors.

The mountains of Tyrol shelter one of the few remaining unspoiled peasant people of Europe—a people that wears a native costume, remembers its folk legends and follows customs centuries old.

The mountain Tyrolese are robust, hard-working folk. Life in the mountains demands work from every member of the household from daybreak until after dark. Then, on winter nights, the Tyrolese peasants play.

Dancing is a favorite amusement after the day's work, and this is all the more surprising because the dances of Tyrol are more strenuous than those of Russia or Poland. To swing your partner up to the ceiling, and to fall down and spring up again without using the hands for support are among the "steps" of a good dancer's repertoire.

While the dancing couple excitedly swing and caper, the others sing and play the zither, the favorite Tyrolese musical instrument. Original songs are in high favor, and also the old folk songs of princes and peasants, shepherdesses and huntsmen. The peasants sing lustily and well. Only a realization of tomorrow's work puts an end to the affair, and sends guests trooping home still whistling or humming the last song.